

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Coup de Hoop is an offspring of a sport from humble beginnings 99 years ago in Springfield, Massachusetts; and,

WHEREAS, Joe Malsuth had no idea that his indoor wintertime substitute for football would emerge as a major outdoor recreational passion for millions of amateur athletes worldwide; and,

WHEREAS, Playground basketball has provided a training ground for many of America's sports heroes; however, many athletes of incredible skills have gone unrecognized; and,

WHEREAS, The unsung heroes of the playgrounds will now have their day to shine with Coup de Hoop--the million dollar search for the best 3-on-3 team in America; and,

WHEREAS, With strong emphasis on drug-free competition and a portion of all entries going towards national anti-drug programs, Coup de Hoop will help to reclaim America's playgrounds from the negative elements that plague many of our nation's youth and provide them with positive motivation; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper as Governor to acknowledge the opportunities that Coup de Hoop will provide to our youth and to pay respect to the contributions that city parks have provided to athletes throughout the history of basketball;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. HICKELSON, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 19 and 20, 1990, as

COUP DE HOOP DAYS

in South Dakota, and I urge citizens of this great state to join me in recognizing the significance of this grassroots event.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety

GEORGE S. HICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE